pared. The Bureau has developed two model mini-watersheds in collaboration with state development agencies.

A Post-Graduate course on Land Resource Management has been started at Punjabrao Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola in partnership with the Bureau.

National Dairy Development Board

1369. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SA MBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Mi nister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's atten tion has been drawn to the news item in the Economic Times dated 8th February, 1993 under the caption N.D.D.B. manipulates MIO to sub sidise Dhara;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government to the various observations of serious nature made therein; and

(c) the details of action taken/ proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The observations made do not reflect the factual position.

(c) Government are examining the accounts of National Dairy Development Board to assess the Government liabilities for reimbursement of losses under HTO. Government are also considering ways and means to certain losses in future.

Exploitation of Fanners in Madhya Pradesh

1370. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that farmers in the State of Madhya Pradesh are not getting their due price of Soyabean, Tendu leaves, paddy and other foodgrains while the traders are exploiting these form produces;

(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to protect the interest of the farmers in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) The Government announces each season minimum support prices of major agricultural commodities to protect the interests of the farmers. The minimum support prices fixed by the Government are applicable for the entire country including Madhya Pradesh. The Government has fixed mini-dmum support prices of Kharif and Rabi crops of 1992-93 at substantially higher levels as compared to the previous year. The hike in the per quintal minimum support price of Paddy is Rs. 40. Millets Rs. 35, Pulses Rs. 95 Groundnut-in-shell Rs. 105 Sunflower seed Rs. 130 Soyabean Rs. 80 and Raw Cotton Rs. 110. Similarly, for Rabi crops the per quintal hike in the minimum support price of Wheat ia Rs. 55, Barley Rs. 50 Gram Rs. 100; Rapeseed/Mus'jird Rs. 90 and Sunflower and floria Rs. 80 each.

2 As per reports received the prices of foodgrains and soyabean are ruing above the minimum support price levels in Madhya Pradesh.

3. The present agricultural price policy does not cover Tendu leaves since commodities having all-India importance are covered under the poMcy. However, under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) State Governments can approach the Central Government for undertaking purchase operations on agreed terms and conditions in respect of commodities not covered under the agricultural price policy.

1371. [Transferred *to the 19th March,* 1993].

International Exhibition on Agriculture in Israel

1372. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of AGRI-

CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to send a delegation, of Indian farmers to TELAVTV in Israel where an inter national exhibition on agriculture named 'Agritech Spring' 1993 is scheduled to be held from the 2nd to 6th May, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the main features of exhibition; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Stir. At present there i_s no such proposal.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) There is no such scheme during Eighth Five Year Plan for sending farmers outside the country.

Green Revolution

1373. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to revive the Green Revolution and extend it to the other Crops and Regions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The Government have been implementing various crop oriented programmes for increasing the food-grains production. Most of these programmes from 1992-93 have been extended to all the districts of the States for increasing the production of specific crop. Incentives are being provided to the farmers through these schemes for use of critical inputs to motivate them to adopt improved crop production technology. Besides, under the aegis of Indian Council of Agricultural Research location specific high yieldiingjimproved varieties and technology innovation for various agro-climatic regions of the country are being developed.

Damage Caused by Natural Calamiies in Kerala

1374. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD;
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has urged the Central Government to get World Bank approval for the reconstruction and rehabilitation project for finding permanent solution to the damages caused by natural calamities in the state; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?"

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Government of Kerala have prepared a Flood Reconstruction' Project for World Bank assistance. The goals and objectives of the Project are to provide a long term solution to the ravages caused by the recurring floods tin the State. The Project envisages an outlay of Rs. 4107.20 crores and is proposed to be implemented in five years. It will cover sectors like agriculture, housing, irrigation' rural development, power and electricity, roads and bridges, fisheries, water supply, health services etc.

The Project proposal is being processed for posing it to the World Bank for assistance.